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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, IT, IN

SUBJECT: SALE OF ITALIAN M-113 APC'S TO INDIA

REF: ROME 5171

1. REFTEL REPORTED AN ITALIAN REQUEST THAT THE USG RE-EXAMINE THE APRIL 1974 DECISION TO DISAPPROVE AN ITALIAN COMMERCIAL SALE OF M113A1 APC'S TO INDIA. (FYI: APC'S ARE CO-PRODUCED IN ITALY UNDER A 1963 MOU WHICH STATES THAT "THE TWO PARTIES AGREE IN PRINCIPLE ON THE PRODUCTION IN ITALY ON A PROGRESSIVE BASIS, OF THE M113 FOR USE BY ITALIAN ARMED FORCES ONLY." END FYI)

2. A SIGNIFICANT CONSIDERATION IN OUR REEXAMINATION OF  
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THIS MATTER IS WHETHER AN ITALIAN SALE TO INDIA, IF

APPROVED, WOULD DENY A POTENTIAL SALE BY THE US MANUFACTURER OF THE SAME ITEM, THUS DEPRIVING THE US ECONOMY OF THE BENEFITS OF A DIRECT SALE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR ASSESSMENT--WITHOUT APPROACHING INDIAN MILITARY LEADERS--OF  
A) THE CURRENT INDIAN INTEREST IN OBTAINING APCS; AND  
B) THE LIKELIHOOD OF AN INDIAN ORDER FOR APCS BEING PLACED DIRECTLY (COMMERCIALY OR VIA FMS) WITH THE US, WERE

WE TO DISAPPROVE THE ITALIAN REQUEST. KISSINGER

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